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Upcoming Events

Fri 12/1 - K-3 Miami University Middletown - *Celebrate the Seasons* 9:00 - 11:30

Mon 12/4 - Character Monday

Fri 12/8 - Santa Sale 8:00 - 3:30 Gym
Gr 2 - Colonial Jeopardy 2:10 - 2:50 BAC

Sat 12/9 - Santa Celebration, Sale, & Pictures 9:00 - 12:00 Gym

Fri 12/15 - Gr 6 - 8 Dance 7:00 - 10:00

Mon 12/18 - Lessons and Carols Rehearsals during school day

Tues 12/19 - Lessons and Carols Rehearsals during school day
[Lessons and Carols @ Sharonville Convention Center @ 6:30 pm](#)

Wed 12/20 - Mon 1/1 - **NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break**

Gr 4-5 Morning Drop-off Procedure Change

We have begun sending the 4th and 5th graders to St. Faith in the mornings instead of the dining room when they are dropped off after 7:30 am. If they arrive before 7:30, they should still go to the dining room. After 7:30, you may drive them down the hill and drop them off at the crosswalk to St. Faith.

Business Office News

When writing checks, please use blue or black ink only. Ink of other colors doesn't process through the banking institutions properly.

Also, just a reminder, tuition payments should not be combined with payments for any other items. They should always be written on separate checks.

Gr 8 Washington DC Payments

The deadline for the first payment of \$250.00 for the 8th Grade DC trip was due on Friday, November 17. Please make sure that you get your payment in as soon as possible. Please make checks payable to "Bethany School" and write "Washington D.C." in the memo portion of your check. The checks can be sent to the school or dropped off in the administration building. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the cost of the trip, then please do not hesitate to contact David Gould or Elaine Lynch. The final payment of \$250.00 will be due on February 17.

As the Advent season is upon us, let us take time to reflect about its meaning and the effect it has upon our lives and daily living. As we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth, let us not forget others who are less fortunate. Just as the Three Wise Men brought gifts to the baby Jesus to celebrate His birth, let us also do the same.

Every year at this time, Bethany School participates in its annual outreach program with a recreational facility in Lincoln Heights called St. Monica's (also a ministry of the Society of the Transfiguration). If your child wishes to participate in this outreach program, have him/her select an ornament from the Giving Tree in the Dining Room and write his/her name on the selection list.

The children from St. Monica's have put some suggestions inside the name tag. These just help provide ideas of what they would like. There is no expectation that you will buy everything on the list! When purchasing a gift, if clothing is selected, please leave on all tags in case the gift would have to be exchanged. If a store offers a gift receipt, please include that with the present so the exchange process, if need be, becomes simplified.

Gifts should be wrapped, have the tag affixed to the outside, and placed under the tree in the dining room by Tuesday, December 19th.

Ornaments will be available next Thursday, December 7th.

Lessons and Carols Attire

For the Lessons and Carols Program which will be held on Tuesday, December 19 6:30 pm at the Sharonville Convention Center, students at all grade levels should wear festive attire. Boys can wear dress pants (no jeans or shorts) and a collared shirt. Boys in grades 4 - 8 should wear a tie. Girls can wear dress slacks (no jeans or shorts), skirt, or dress. As always, students should wear clothing that fits with the Bethany policy on non-uniform days (i.e. no spaghetti straps or strapless tops, no clothing with holes, etc.).

Gr 6-8 Winter Wonderland Dance - December 15, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Student Council will hold a special Winter Wonderland dance for students in grades 6-8 on Friday, December 15th from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. in the Gym. Attire is casual. Cost is \$5.00 with a \$2.00 discount for those wearing an "ugly" or "not so ugly" holiday sweater. There will be great music, holiday themed activities, a sweater contest, yummy treats, and lots of fun! [We are also looking for adult chaperones for the dance.](#) Interested parents can email Mr. Snavelly at Snavelly@bethanyschool.org

Outreach Opportunity - Matthew 25 Ministries

We have been talking in Chapel about how the Advent/Christmas season is a time where we prepare to partner with God in the work of healing a hurting world. A great way to participate in that work is by joining Student Council members on Saturday, December 16th from 11am-1pm at Matthew 25 ministries as we help respond to the recent natural disasters that have devastated so many. This event is open to students of any age and their families. We have 30 spots available on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested, please email Mr. Snavelly at snavelly@bethanyschool.org with questions or to sign up.

BEAP Notes

We want to thank the parents, faculty and staff who attended the BEAP meeting on Nov 17. Please use the link below to review the material that was discussed at the meeting. <http://bethanyschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/BEAP-November-2017.pdf>

There's so much in store for BEAP and we welcome parents, faculty and staff to partner with us to enrich the families here at Bethany. Our next meeting will be scheduled in February and we will dive deeper into the "New Items" listed! Can't wait to get started!

~BEAP Officer Board

Wanted: Christmas Wrapping Supplies for Santa Sale

BEAP is in need of Christmas Wrapping Supplies for the Santa Sale. We are in need of wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue paper, ribbon and bows. No boxes are needed. Please drop off your donated items in the box in the office, now until December 7th. Thank you for your support of BEAP.

Santa Sale Volunteers Needed

BEAP is in need of several volunteers to assist us with Santa Sale (December 8th) and Santa Sale and Celebration (December 9th). Santa Sale is a really fun event for the students and Bethany families. Please see below the opportunities to volunteer below. If you are interested please sign up using this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a48aeaf2fa5fc1-santa>

BEAP Santa Sale - Friday, December 8th

The Santa Sale will be held in the old gym on Friday, December 8th during the school day. Children will also have a chance to shop the sale on Saturday during our Santa Celebration event, as well.

You may send cash or checks (made out to BEAP and with the spending limit noted on the memo line) with your child on Friday, December 8th. It is also helpful if you give them a list of people for whom they should buy and guidelines on how much is appropriate to spend on each one.

Santa Celebration – 9am to noon Saturday, December 9th

Bethany's Santa Sale (it's so much more than just breakfast!) is only a few weeks away, so mark your calendars now and join us on December 9th from 9am to noon for a continental

breakfast, magic, balloons, face painting, shopping at the Santa Sale and photos with you-know-who! See the attached flyer for more information and be sure to RSVP by following the Sign Up Genius link. See you there! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084dabaa29a4fd0-beap1>

Santa Photos - During Santa Celebration Saturday, December 9th 9:30 - 10:30

December is such a busy time. Who has time to stand in line at the mall to see Santa? We don't think you should have to, so we are flying Santa Claus in to Bethany School on Saturday, **December 9, 2017.**

This year Santa's visit will coincide with Day 2 of our BEAP Santa Sale. Pictures with Santa will be available for **\$5.00 each between 9:30-10:30am.** Just pay when you have the pictures taken. Pictures will be distributed before Christmas break.

Raffle Winner

Raffle Winner for 11/20: Karen Ryan (sold by Molly Haney 2R)

Raffle Winner for 11/27: Tasha Porter (sold by Joshua Porter 8D)